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OPDX CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY! I can't believe that almost every Sunday morning for the last 10 years I have sat in front of my computer writing the OPDX bulletin. Even my wife Linda (OPDX's chief proof reader) can't believe she has been reading "all this stuff" (as she puts it) for 10 years. When I first started the bulletin, it used to take a few hours to write, but it has grown, and now it takes several hours. Actually, I am a week late in celebrating. With all the confusion last week in losing my link to the InterNet for BARF-80 BBS, I forgot that April 7th, 1991, was the first issue of the OPDX. Many ask, why do you write the OPDX for free?" (including my wife, she says, "If you get one USD from everyone you could buy a new radio"). The reason that I write the OPDX and my involvement in the DX community is to help others achieve the pleasure and challenge of working DX as I have. I really enjoy the hobby. However, I also must not forget the many friends I have gained over the years writing the bulletin. Without their help and contributions of information, there would not be a bulletin. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife. Without her there would not be an OPDX. She is a non-ham (which one day I hope to change), but a LD teacher and proof reads the bulletin every week (usually telling me she is not sure what she is reading), plus she puts up with the many hours I spend at the keyboard and with club activities. Thanks for reading the OPDX and I hope to continue to provide information each week that will let you work a "NEW ONE" Remember, DX IS .. 73 de Tedd KB8NW (Editor of OPDX)

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 8/April, through Sunday, 15/April there were 230 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D6, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HK0/m, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J8, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PY0S, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9,

UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, XZ, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS There were 39 CQ Zones available during the past week. CQ Zones that were not active are: 2 There were 51 ITU Zones available during the past week. ITU Zones that were not active are: 3,4,15,21,22,23,24,25,26, 31,34,35,43,58,59,68,69,70,71,72,74,75,90 * PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL). OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin (due to its size) with a complete breakdown and "DXCC/Entities Chart of Activity".

3A, MONACO. Fabrizio/IK5GQK, Giuseppe/IK5YOJ, Stefano/IW5BZQ and Virginio/IW5EDQ will be active for 3 days from 3A-land (JN33RR) between **June 1-3th**. They will CONCENTRATE their activity on 6 meters, but they will also be active on 2 meters and HF. Their callsigns will be **3A/IK5GQK, 3A/IK5YOJ, 3A/IW5BZQ** and **3A/IW5EDQ**. Their activity is as follows:

- **6 meters** - (50.210 SSB, 50.600 RTTY, 50.620 PSK31) using an Icom IC-706MKIIG with 6 element yagi and HQ50 Halo Loop.
- **2 meters** - (144.290 SSB) Icom IC-706 with 9 element yagi.
- **HF bands** - (SSB, RTTY, PSK31, SSTV) two Yaesu FT-100 and vertical antennas.

You can make skeds before and during their operation by sending E-mail to: 3a@mannelli.com They will check their E-mail at the top of every hour during their operation. For the latest news and log, please check their Web page at <http://www.mannelli.com/3a/> QSL VHF QSOs (6/2 meters) direct to: Stefano Mannelli, P.O.BOX 569, 50123, Firenze Centro, ITALY. QSL HF QSOs direct to: Fabrizio Vannini, via Forlanini 68, 50127 Firenze, ITALY.

3B6, AGALEGA (Update). Steve, N3SL, informs OPDX of the following and states that there will probably be one last press release bulletin from the "official sources" before the team hits the air. The advance team leaves in little over one week with the rest of the team on April 28th from Zurich to Mauritius. It is NOT absolutely certain, but it is looking like the team is flying to and from 3B6, which would give them an extra 3 days on the air (that should probably come from the official news release). Steve, N3SL, states that his daughter, Kim, is now going to handle the QSLs for North America (not just the USA). So, Canada and Mexico are to be sent via Kim Larson, 22 N. Hidden Acres Dr., Sioux City, IA 51108 (which is N3SL's CBA). Reportedly, Kim is handicapped and is getting a real thrill in doing this job. It occupies her time, and she loves seeing all the cards. She did probably 75% of the AH1A QSL cards, so she is not a novice. The 3B6RF team is planning a photo card, so that will undoubtedly take a bit of time after the DXpedition to get printed. Steve states that he will see to it that all the U.S. DX newsletters are kept informed on their status. Steve will be doing mostly CW, but he has been asked to do RTTY (or possibly SSB) whenever they're trying to work the U.S.

Riki, 4X4NJ, reports that he will be joining the 3B6RF team as part of a 21 amateur group. He states, "We'll have 8 stations on the air during the first 3 weeks of May. All of the equipment and antennas are "World Class" - examples: 4square arrays on 80m & 40M, Titanex vertical and Beverages for 160M, beams for HF, Yaesu FT1000MP transceivers with 1KW amplifiers, etc..... Naturally, I will devote myself to 160M as much as possible!" For more details, check online at: <http://www.agalega2000.ch>

3C, EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Martin, **3C5J**, was active last week on 20/17/10 meters. The sad part is that his operation will not count for DXCC because he is operating from an **oil platform**. He is expected to be there **for 6 months**. The good news is that "The Daily DX" is reporting Martin may have a chance to go to **Malabo** to operate which will count for DXCC.

3XY, GUINEA. A couple of new stations have been on the air signing the prefix 3XY. Station **3XY6A** was active during **last week**, mainly on 12 meters (24955 kHz between 1730-1930z) with little activity on 20 meters (14203 kHz after 2230z). QSL via VE2XO. Station **3XY2S** showed up over the **weekend** on 10 meters (28447 kHz around 0915z). QSL via P.O. Box 1484, Konakry.

4U, UNITED NATIONS HQ. This one has to be the most interesting report of the week. Reports on the Cluster Network indicate that **4U1UN** was active on **PSK31** on 20 meters and **SSTV** on 15 meters.

A2, BOTSWANA. Charles, **A25/KY4P**, was heard active over the **past weekend** on 10 meters CW/SSB. Check around 28002 kHz or 28452 kHz between 1200 and 1500z. QSL via SVOLM.

C6, BAHAMAS. By the time you read this, Tom, WB8N, should be in **Nassau (IOTA NA-001)** beginning Easter Sunday, for **6 days**. He intend to operate a portable HF station from the resort he is staying at, beginning Monday **April 16th**. He will receive his callsign upon arrival. His operating times will be approximatly from 2000-2200z (possibly longer). His suggested frequencies are: 10 meters - 28495 kHz +/- 10 kHz (main) 28450 kHz +/- 5 kHz (secondary) 28520 kHz +/- 5 KHz If conditions are poor on 10 meters, look for him on 20 meters (14195 kHz +/- 10 kHz). He will also give 12 meters a try, on: 24950 kHz (SSB) and 24890 kHz (CW) both +/- 5 kHz.

E4, PALESTINE. Gunter, OE1GZA, is now active from here as **E4/OE1GZA**. He was heard this past weekend on 15/10 meters between 1100 and 1600z. Check around 28460 and 21270 kHz.

HK0, MALPELO ISLAND. Pedro, HK3JJH, is now active as **HK3JJH/HK0M**. Reports show he has been on 40/20/15/10 meters SSB.

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY (Special Event). Over 30 Special Event Stations representing Historic Marconi station locations worldwide will participate on **April 21st**, from 0000-2359z, on CW/SSB/Digital. The list of participating stations is on the Web page: <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~straff/particip.htm> Award Certificate rules are available at: <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~straff/> The Marconi Radio Club **W1AA/IMD** wll represent the 1903 Marconi Transatlantic Station on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. W/K QSL to CBA with an S.A.S.E., DX via the W1 Bureau. Their Web page is: <http://personal.tmlp.com/k1vv/w1aa/>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-048.** Francois, **F2GL**, will be active from **Houat Island** (French Brittany - DIFM AT-016), **April 30th through May 6th**. Check the HF bands from 80 to 10 meters, including the WARC bands, both on CW and SSB. QSL direct via F2GL's CBA or via the French REF Bureau.
- **EU-051.** Look for Erminio/IZ8AJQ and Mario/IZ8DBJ to be active from **Ustica** on

April 26-29th, sign **IE9/homecall**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands on CW/SSB/RTTY and possibly PSK31. QSL IE9/IZ8AJQ to: Erminio Cioffi di Michele, Piazza Umberto I 16, 84036 Sala Consilina - SA, Italy. QSL IE9/IZ8DBJ to: Mario Pesce, Via Privata Falci 2, 80070 Bacoli - NA, Italy. QSL either direct or through the bureau.

- **EU-065**. Look for stations **F6BFH/p**, **F6EGG/p** and **F9IE/p** to be active from **Molene Island** (DIFM AT-002), **May 2-8th**. Activity will be on the HF IOTA frequencies on CW and SSB. QSL via home callsigns.
- **EU-092**. Jim, MM0BQI, will be active from the Island of **Tanera Mor** in the Summer Isles from **April 20-23rd**. The various reference numbers are; Islands of Scotland Award SC10, WAB NB90 and QRA IO78. Activity will be on all bands 80-10 meters SSB/CW/RTTY and PSK31. He states, "Hopefully this year conditions will be better, and I am looking forward to working lots of DX stations who require the Summer Isles for IOTA or IOSA. I will be using my own call **MM0BQI/P** for some contest activity and also special callsign **GB5SI** (Summer Isles)." QSL is 100% via RSGB or direct to MM0BQI: Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Avenue, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, SCOTLAND - UK.
- **EU-094**. Look for **TM5N** to be active from **Saint Nicolas Island** (Glenan Archipelago), from **April 27th to May 1st**. Other reference numbers are: DIFM AT-010 and Loc Grid IN77XR. Check the usual IOTA frequencies on 160-23cm on CW and SSB. There will be 14 operators and 2 YLs at the logs. QSL via F6KOP.
- **EU-094**. Look for **F6KOP/p** to be active on **Cigogne Island**, **April 28-29th** (depending on WX conditions). Other reference numbers are: DIFM AT-061, Loc Grid IN87AR and DFCF29004. Activity will be mainly around 7055 kHz SSB. QSL via F6KOP.
- **EU-171**. On April 17th, Jakob, **OZ7AEI**, plans to activate the Danish Islands, Venoe (NO IOTA, DIA NJ-005) around 1200z for about **an hour** before going to **Jegingoe** (IOTA **EU-171** and DIA NJ-006). Activity will be on 14260 +/- QRM. QSL via bureau or direct: Jakob Pedersen, Hvamvej 47, DK-7500 Holstebro, Denmark.
- **NA-137**. Scott/K1OA and Len/K1NU will be activating **Peaks Island, ME**, on Saturday, **April 28th** using the special event call **W1N**. This island represents a new counter for the U.S. Island awards and will be issued a number after this activation. Look for them on 14260 and 21260 kHz +/- QSL via K1OA, bureau or CBA.

JW, SVALBARD. Rag, LA5HE, will once again be active as **JW5HE** from **April 26th through May 1st**. He states low band contacts are very unlikely as there is the "midnightsun" now.

KH4, MIDWAY. Hiro, JF1OCQ, is now active as **W1VX/KH4** now **through April 22nd**. Look for his activity on 80-6 meters, mostly on CW with some RTTY. As this bulletin was being prepared he was active on 7007 kHz around 1345z. QSL via JF1OCQ either JARL QSL bureau or direct to: Hiroyuki Miyake, 1-3-6 Asakura, Maebashi, 371-0811 Japan.

KH0, MARIANA ISLAND. Members of the ODXLG will be active from **Saipan Island, Northern Mariana Island (IOTA OC-086) April 28th through May 1st**. Look for Taka to sign **KH0/JR3TVH** and Natsu to sign **KH0/JJ3NAW**. Activity will be mainly on 40-6 meters CW/SSB/SSTV/RTTY/PSK31 (will take any request). Antennas used are: C4 (Force12 JA dealer, EDC) and a 6 element yagi (Radix). Also, they will use a Zepp like wire (Saga) and a HB9CV (Minimulti) housed in the shack. QSL via the Bureau or direct w/SASE to JR3TVH home QTH listed on QRZ.com.

KP4, PUERTO RICO (QRP Op). Hal, KC8FS, reports that his 18-year old daughter Holly, N8VUQ, is now there with several of her high school classmates and a local college biology class. She will be in San Juan and the north coast of KP4 until April 21st for an ecological research trip that will net her some pre-college biology credit. She took along a borrowed AEA 10 meter DX Handy and will try to work her father if conditions are right. This would be a great demo of amateur radio for the other students if it works. She will be calling him near 28375 kHz (+/- 5 kHz) at the top of the hour beginning at 1700z and depending upon her scheduled activities. Her operating time will be limited because her itinerary is pretty full with snorkeling, exploring mangrove swamps and hiking in a tropical rain forest. Hal asks that if any DXers hear her, please spot her on the DX PacketCluster. Also, he can be reached via E-mail (kc8fs@aol.com) or via the phone (304) 744-5949 (H) and (304) 767-6202 (W).

LIGHTHOUSE OPERATION. Leon, ON4ZD, will be signing **F/ON4ZD/P** between **May 5-7th** from **Fort Boyard**. There are three lighthouses on that Fort, FRA 287, FRA 288 and FRA290. Leon will attempt to find a place that will have all lights in the line of sight on at the same moment. QSL via home call, bureau (UBA) or direct with sase.

LLDXT 2001 CARIBBEAN TOUR. The Low Land DX-pedition Team (LLDXT) is pleased to announce the 6th Caribbean Tour. This year's tour will bring them to the "Island of **Carriacou**" (**Grenada - IOTA NA-147**) from **August 2-15th** and the Island of **Bequia** (**St. Vincent - IOTA NA-025**) from **August 16-27th**. The team members will be Bouke/PA0ZH, Ronald/PA3EWP, Rob/PA5ET and Dennis/ PA7FM. The callsigns will be **J3/homecall** and **J8/homecall**. They will use two FT1000MPs with amplifiers and will be active around the clock on 160-10 meters on the modes CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Titanex has sponsored a V160E vertical to give them a good low-band signal. As is in past years, they will have a Tour Web site which will be updated daily with the latest information, on-line logs, tour diary, digital photo's and digital pile-up recordings. The Guestbook can already be signed. The LLDXT home page can be found at: <http://www.qsl.net/lldxt/> All QSLs will be managed again by PA5ET, Rob Snieder, Van Leeuwenstraat 137, 2273 VS Voorburg, The Netherlands. He is a QSL Manager for many other stations; look under "QSL INFO AND NEWS".

QRP-PEDITION FROM A UR-QRP CLUB. The Ukrainian QRP Club will hold its first (what they call a) "QRP-pedition" to the **Ai-Petri** mountain in Crimea, from **May 4-11th**. The main aim of this expedition are:

1. To publicize low power activity on the air.
2. To attract the attention of hams to the QRP movement and to show the boundless possibilities for low power operations.
3. To test home-made QRP transceivers, as well as, to meet friends and associate with them.

A special callsign will be used during the QRP-pedition: **EM5QRP**. The members of the QRP-pedition are: RK3ZK, UR6IRL, UR7IRL, US1RCH, US1REO, UU4JCQ, UY1AW and UZ8RR. The QRP-pedition members output power of their transmitters will be: 5 watts (CW) and 10 watts (SSB). Look for them to be active mainly on the international QRP frequencies. Operations on RTTY and SSTV are being planned too. Prizes (A book, published by Igor Grigorov, RK3ZK) will be given out to three stations who have the largest number of the QSOs with the QRP-pedition members on various bands. All other contacts will get a special QSL card confirming their QSOs. Those who wish to get the QRP-pedition pennant must send their QSL and 4 IRC to the expedition QSL Manager UR7IRL: Vladimir Tretyakov, Post Box 41,

Konstantinovka-10, Donetsk Region, 85110, Ukraine.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- The final and complete logs for **5U2K**, **5U3T**, and **5U5A** are now available on Sil's, I2YSB, Web site at: <http://digilander.iol.it/i2ysb/>
- Rob, PA5ET, is the QSL Manager for the following stations:
 - **1994** - HB0/PA3ERC/p
 - **1995** - VP5C (August 95), VP5/PA3BBP, VP5/PA3ERC, VP5/PA3EWP, VP5/PA3FQA
 - **1996** - FG/PA3BBP, FG/PA3ERC, FG/PA3EWP, FG/PA3FQA, TO5C (Guadeloupe August96), J79BP, J79RC, J79WP, J79QA, J77C (August 96), FM/PA3BBP, FM/PA3ERC, FM/PA3EWP, FM/PA3FQA
 - **1997** - J6/PA3BBP, J6/PA3ERC, J6/PA3EWP, 9Y4/PA3BBP, 9Y4/PA3ERC, 9Y4/PA3EWP
 - **1998** - 6Y5/PA3ERC, 6Y5/PA3EWP, ZF2RC/ZF9, ZF2WP/ZF9
 - **1999** - PJ7/PA3EWP, PJ7/PA3GCV, PJ7/PA4EA, PJ7/PA4WM, PJ7/PA5ET, PJ7/PA7FM, FS/PA3EWP, FS/PA3GCV, FS/PA4EA, FS/PA4WM, FS/PA5ET, FS/PA7FM, V47WP, V47CV, V47EA, V47WM, V47ET, V47FM, VP2EWP, VP2ECV, VP2EEA, VP2EWM, VP2EET, VP2EFM
 - **2000** - 8Q7ET (January 00), 8Q7WP (January 00), V26EA, V26ET, V26WP, V26FM, VP2MPA, 8P9JR, 8P9JS, 8P9JT, 8P9JU

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. By the time you read this, the short operation by **S07BT** will probably be over. QSL via EA1BT.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Just a quick reminder that Tom/K7ZZ, Dave/WW2AVG, George/AH8H and Jim/W7UG will be active from **Enewetak Atoll (IOTA OC-087)** in the Marshall islands from **April 19-26th**. They plan to use the callsign **V73E**, some operators have their own individual callsigns. Activity will be 80-6 meters with operation on CW/SSB/RTTY. Check the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via WF5T.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Refer to [OPDX.500](#)). Look for David/VK4ZEK, Alan/VK4BKM, Peter/VK4APG and Harris/VK4CWT to be active later in the week from here. They will be on the reef signing **VK9ML** between **April 21-24th**. This activity is in preparation for a much larger operation planned in late 2001 or early 2002. Their activity will be on the following suggested frequencies:

- **CW** - 3504, 7025, 14025, 21025, 28025 and 50105 kHz
- **SSB** - 3799, 7085, 14195, 21295, 28480 and 50145 kHz.

Check the web site for more details at: <http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml/> QSL via VK4APG.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update/Help Answered). OPDX received another message from a very excited Victor, **ZK1CG**, and he stated that thanks to the call for help for his KT43A antenna situation in last week's bulletin, someone has offered to send him a complete/operational KT43A. Details have to be worked out on sending it, but Victor will keep us informed. He will use the antenna at his **Rarotonga** location, and on his vacation in **October** to **Manihiki, North Cook Islands** for the **CQWW SSB Contest** with five operators from the

Western Washington DX Club. They will be in Manihiki for one week, and possibly Victor will be there for 2 weeks. If you are planning a trip to the Cooks and would like to help in getting some antennas down to Rarotonga (so they can be shipped to Manihiki before October), contact Victor. He states, "..... coming to the Cooks for a vacation or DXing..... I'm sure we will make your stay in the Cook Islands a most pleasant and enjoyable one, plus you will be helping many make a new contact from North and South Cooks." Keep looking for Victor on 10 meters between 28480 and 28490 kHz after 0000z. ADDED NOTE: Victor is looking for the extension kit to make the KT43A into a six element beam.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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